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1. THE LABOR PARTY'S DISSIDENT YOUNG TURKS, WHOSE RANKS HAVE INCREASED FROM THREE TO FIVE DEPUTIES, MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER FEBRUARY 15 TO DISCUSS THEIR "DEMANDS" TO REFORM THE PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT. THE UPSHOT OF THE MEETING WAS THE FORMATION OF A TWELVE MEMBER "WORKING COMMITTEE," PRESIDED OVER BY THE PRIME MINISTER, TO STUDY THE DISSIDENTS' VIEWS. THREE DAYS LATER, AFTER THE FIRST MEETING OF THE "WORKING COMMITTEE," AGRICULTURE MINISTER BOOLELL TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE HARMONIOUS, THAT THE LABOR PARTY WOULD
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EMERGE STRONGER THAN EVER, THAT ALL DECISIONS WOULD BE TAKEN UNANIMOUSLY, AND THAT FURTHER MEETINGS WOULD TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING THE RETURN OF MINISTER OF FINANCE RINGADOO, WHO IS ON A MISSION IN INDIA.

2. BOOLELL'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE PRESS SURROUNDED BY THE FIVE DISSIDENTS APPEARED TO CONFIRM THE WIDELY HELD VIEW THAT

HE IS BEHIND THEIR INITIATIVES. ALTHOUGH THE YOUNG TURKS
HOTLY DENIED CHARGES THAT THEY WANT RAMGOOLAM TO STEP DOWN.
A FIGHT FOR THE SUCCESSION TO RAMGOOLAM HAS CLEARLY EMERGED
BETWEEN THE BOOLELL AND RINGADOO FACTIONS OF THE PARTY.

3. A MEETING BETWEEN LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION MAURITIAN
MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM) AND THE RADICAL MAURITIAN MILITANT
MOVEMENT-PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY (MMM-SP) DISCUSS THE
FORMATION OF AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT "PATRIOTIC AND DEMOCRATIC
FRONT" WAS CHARACTERIZED BY THE PARTICIPANTS AS "VERY
POSITIVE." FOR THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE
CELEBRATIONS THE MMM CENTRAL COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT PARTY
LEADERS WILL BOYCOTT THE GOVERNMENT'S SOCIAL EVENTS AND
"GRANDIOSE DISPLAYS," AND INSTEAD WILL MIX WITH THE CROWDS
OF "ORDINARY PEOPLE." MMM LEADER PAUL BERENGER CONTINUED
BLAMING THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICIES FOR HAVING
CREATED A STEADILY DETERIORATING ECONOMIC FUTURE FOR
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